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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/616,784	<b>Applicant(s)</b> VAN ANTWERP, WILLIAM P.	
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 June 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-9 and 36-41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-9 and 36-41 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 9 and 37-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gu et al (World Journal of Microbiology and Biotechnology).
  - a. Regarding claim 1, Gu discloses a catheter coated with a heavy metal (page 177) that is coated with lectins capable of binding microorganisms that form a biofilm on the surface of a medical device. The lectins are disposed in a biodegradable polymer of cellulose acetate in acetone (see Andrady and Applicant's specification) that is capable of sloughing away from the medical device when the lectin is bound to a compound produced by a microorganism. The conclusion of Gu discloses inhibition of biofilm formation on the surface of the medical device.
  - b. Regarding claim 3, Cellulose acetate in acetone is a biocompatible polymer that has a controllable rate of degradation based upon the various controllable factors of the polymer (degree of substitution, amount of solvent, etc...).

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- c. Regarding claims 4 and 5, Gu also discloses silver ions as an antibiotic agent.
- d. Regarding claim 6, Gu discloses the microorganism *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.
- e. Regarding claim 8, The device of Gu is capable of being implanted.
- f. Regarding claim 9, Gu discloses a catheter.
- g. Regarding claim 37, Gu discloses the catheter being made of various substances, such as the biostable polymeric material polytetrafluoroethylene (page 174)
- h. Regarding claim 38, See claims 1 and 37 above.
- i. Regarding claim 29, see claim 27 above.
- j. Regarding claim 40, see claim 1 above.
- k. Regarding claim 41, As the composition of Gu inhibits the attachment of *P. aeruginosa* to the mechanical structure relative to the mechanical structure not coated with the composition, it is apparent that the lectin is disposed on a region of the device having a mechanical structure that is compatible with the adherence of microorganisms.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

- 2. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gu et al (World Journal of Microbiology and Biotechnology) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Schrier et al (6,197,598).

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l. Regarding claim 7, While Gu substantially discloses the apparatus as claimed, it does not disclose the specific lectins concanavalin A or wheat germ agglutinin. However, Schrier et al discloses concanavalin A as being a binder lectin for *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (Col. 10 line 67 and Col.11 line 13).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use concanavalin A as the lectin of Gu as taught by Schrier et al as concanavalin A is a known lectin that binds *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.

3. Claim 36 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gu et al (World Journal of Microbiology and Biotechnology) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Cioanta et al (2002/0082556).

m. Regarding claim 36, While Gu substantially discloses the apparatus as claimed such as inhibition of bacterial attachment to steel (page 174), it does not disclose the catheter being composed partially of titanium or stainless steel. However, Cioanta discloses stainless steel as a catheter material that can utilize a material to inhibit formation of biofilms (paragraphs 102 and 121). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the biofilm of Gu with a stainless steel catheter as there is only the expectation of reducing biofilm formation upon the stainless steel catheter.

### **Conclusion**

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BRADLEY J. OSINSKI whose telephone number is (571)270-3640. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 8AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin Sirmons can be reached on (571)272-4965. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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